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BILL DAUGHERTY

Well, Tom. You wanted to see the world...

Action/Exposition

The furnace makes a LOUD CHUNK and stops. They both hold their looks for a beat.

BILL DAUGHERTY

Character Heading

Are you kidding me?

AHERN

Get the shredder. — Dialogue

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INT. CHANCERY STAIRWELL LEADING TO 2ND FLOOR - MORNING

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Character Introduction in CAPS

BROTHER ALI, 20s, one of the student leaders, shouts as he holds a cloth near his face to protect from tear gas.

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INT. CHANCERY OFFICE - MORNING Scene Heading

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The mood is now frantic -- people destroying things or shouting everywhere --

ANN SWIFT

No... Hal -- yes -- INSIDE the building, IN --

Int/Ext Option Location Description

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INT. CONSULATE OFFICE - MORNING Time of Day

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Bob Anders SMASHES AMERICAN VISA PLATES.

The visa-applicant Iranians are now huddled in a group. A couple of the women are wailing.

Improv resuming the debate over leaving.

Lijek on his walkie, but every channel is now speaking FARSI.

MARK LIJEK

Nobody is coming. We need to go.

Revision Mark

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OMITTED A scene that was here has now been Omitted

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INT. CONSULATE OFFICE - MORNING

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Mark gestures for the other six staffers -- and the twenty IRANIAN VISA SEEKERS in the office -- to head to the stairwell.

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INT. WHITE HOUSE - WEST WING - NIGHT

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HAMILTON JORDAN, 40s, Carter's White House Chief of Staff, comes up stairs, trailed by AIDES. Jordan is forty, Southern.

BUTLER (O.S.) **Off Camera Dialogue**  
They're claiming the embassy was a  
'den of -- '

JORDAN  
We wish it was the fucking Den of  
Espionage. C.I. had three people  
there, didn't see a revolution  
coming? I'd call that something  
other than intelligence --

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INT. CHIEF OF STAFF'S OFFICE - NIGHT

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There are already maps of Iran on easels in here. The big three plus foreign networks on silent televisions. LONDON BUTLER, 30s, Jordan's Deputy Chief of Staff, is on the phone.

SECRETARY  
(into a phone) **Parenthetical Direction**  
Hold for the Chief of Staff --  
(holds out the phone  
to Jordan) /  
Hodding --

JORDAN **Dual Dialogue** BUTLER  
(to Secretary) / They're sticking to it. No  
I'll call him back. / release till we expel the  
shah.

Jordan sinks into his chair, putting his feet up on the desk.

JON TITTERTON, 30s, an aide to Jordan --

TITTERTON  
Put him on a plane. Fuck him.

JORDAN  
He's half dead and he's in chemo.

BUTLER  
We took him in. He's ours now.

TITTERTON  
So we'll take in any prick as long  
as he's got cancer?

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INT. CONFERENCE ROOM - A FEW MINUTES LATER

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They enter to find: ADAM ENGELL, 40s or 50s, Deputy Chief of Operations, hosting visitors from the State Department: PENDER and BATES from State. The State guys are both dressed better than the CIA guys, except for Engell.

Other CIA Operations OFFICERS and ANALYSTS sit in audience.

ENGELL

Okay. This is Bob Pender from State O.S. He's been talking to Morgan at ExtAff.

GENCO, a State Department Assistant, removes a drape from the photographs of SIX FACES, State Department I.D. photos. Pender indicates the first two photos -- and during this, we may flash to scenes of the Houseguests in the Canadian ambassador's residence --

PENDER

Mark and Cora Lijek, 29 and 25. He's a consular officer and she's an assistant. Newlyweds. They just got there a couple of months ago. No language skills or in-country knowledge.

(re: the next photo) **Parentetical Direction**

Henry Lee Schatz. Agricultural attache from Idaho. He was there to sell U.S. tractors to Iranian agro. Hid out with the Swedes during the takeover then made his way to join the others with the Canadians.

(re: next photo)

Joe Stafford. Late twenties. He's smart and a climber. Speaks Farsi. Arranged the hire of his wife Kathy --

BATES

Understaffed so the faculty wives were the typing pool.

That goes without comment in this room of men.

PENDER

(then, finally)

Bob Anders. Senior consular officer, oldest of the group. Most likely to be group leader. So.

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PENDER (CONT'D)

(now, shifting gears)  
 What we like for this are bicycles. We've identified backroads from the Shemiran district -- a couple of rat lines through the mountains to the crossing at Tabriz. Cars are off the table because of the roadblocks.

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Pender nods to Bates, who goes to a map, indicating the north of Iran.

BATES

We wait till the weather clears up then we deliver six bikes and provide maps to the Turkish border.

PENDER

We have intelligence they can ride bicycles. Or we're prepared to send in somebody to teach them.

The professional spies shifting at the stupidity of it. But nobody speaks up. And then --

MENDEZ

You can send in training wheels and wait at the border with Gatorade.

Attention turns to Mendez. O'Donnell shifts. Engell, not happy.

MENDEZ

It's 300 miles to the Turkish crossings. They'd need a support crew behind them with a tire pump.

ENGELL

**Dual Dialogue**

PENDER

(directed at Mendez)  
 We've only been asked to sharpshoot this, State's handling the op.

Who is --

O'DONNELL

Tony's an exfil spesh. He got a lot of the shah's people out after the fall.

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